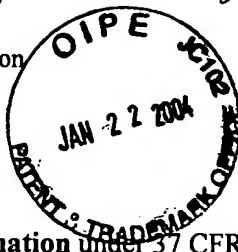


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For:	Tool and Method for Cutting Powered by an Electromagnetic (EM) Source

The application identified above has properly been awarded benefit to PCT/US00/23874 filed 30 Aug 2000 and to Provisional Patent Application No. 60/152,004 filed 01 September 1999.

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